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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM LUCIUS AND MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA WHICH WAS DRAFTED AT 1000Z MAY 22 AND WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO BUJUMBURA FOR TRANSMISSION WHEN TELEX WENT OUT OF ORDER.

QUOTE

- ARRIVED KIGOMA 1015 LOCAL (0715Z) MAY 22.
- 2. HAVE ESTABLISHED WORKING CONTACT WITH TANGOV ADMIN AND POLICE OFFICIALS AND SHORTLY WILL BE CALLING ON DEPUTY ZAIRE CONGEN SAIDI KONGOLO, WHO IS REPORTEDLY, SERVING AS CONTACT POINT WITH GOZ CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ACROSS THE LAKE.
- 3. PENDING FURTHER NOTICE, REACH US BY TELEX AT AMI/KIGOMA TELEX 54330. IF THIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION PROVES UNSATISFACTORY, WE WILL EXPLORE OTHER MEANS INCLUDING POLICE RADIO AND TELEPHONE. SUGGEST AS IMMEDIATE BACKUP THAT YOU TELEPHONE US DAILY AT 0730 AT AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION (KIGOMA 74 RPT 74). FAILURE TO RECEIVE 0730 MORNING CALL WE WILL LOOK FOR 2100 EVENING CALL AT SAME NUMBER. (EMBASSY BUJUMBURA NOTES THERE IS TWICE DAILY RADIO LINK AT 0600Z AND 1200Z BETWEEN BUJUMBURA AND KIGOMA OFFICES OF ARNOLAC BOAT-BARGE LINES, WHICH MIGHT SERVE UNCLASSIFIED

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AS LAST RESORT COMMUNICATIONS BACKUP.)

- 4. REPORTS RECEIVED THUS FAR AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT GOMBE VARY IN SIGNIFICANT PARTICULARS. INITIAL IMPRESSIONS, HOWEVER, SUGGEST RAID WAS ZAIROIS AND WAS PLANNED AND REASONABLY WELL-ORGANIZED EFFORT AIMED AT CAPTURING "EUROPEANS" (I.E., WHITES).
- 5. GOT OFFICIALS HAVE WITHOUT EXCEPTION PROVED HELPFUL AND FORTHCOMING, AND OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS OF SERIOUS AND COORDINATED EFFORT TO LOCATE MISSING STUDENTS. MOST OF SENIOR OFFICIALS NOW PRESENT WERE IN GOMBE THIS AM FOR ON-SITE INVESTIGATION WHEN WE ARRIVED. WE WILL HAVE FULLER PICTURE WHEN THEY RETURN AND WHEN WE HAVE HAD CHANCE TO INTERVIEW OBSERVERS OF INCIDENT. DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER INFORMED US THIS AM THAT UPWARDS OF 180 TPDF SECURITY AND POLICE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED FROM KIGOMAYAREA IN SEARCH USING FAO, UNDP AND MISSIONARY BOATS AND POLICE HELICOPTER. WE ALSO ADVISED BY SAME SOURCE THAT GOB OFFICIALS, NOTABLY BURURI PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, ARE COOPERATING IN SEARCH ON BURUNDI SHORE OF LAKE.
- 6. NOTE WHILE IN KIGOMA WE WILL STAY AT HOME OF AMCIT DON CHAPMAN, FAO FISHING EXPERT WELL-KNOWN TO LOCAL TANGOV OFFICIALS.
- 7. ALLEN MET IN MWANZA AND BRIEFED ON POSSIBLE NEED TO USE HER VEHICLE STARTING MAY 24. WILL INFORM HER TOMORROW THROUGH NBC MWANZA ZONAL MANAGER (MBUYA) VIA TELEX 46117 RPT 46117 FULL STOP-

MACREE MACFARLANE AND LUCIUS. UNQUOTE. MARK

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